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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.142 AND ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.146

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 12, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned patent application, please consider the following remarks. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for response for two months up to and including August 12, 2003.